



## Sweetie Precia Flanders

October 5, 1918 - May 9, 2020

Sweetie Flanders glided into history on 9 May 2020 at the age of 101 ½. Sweetie was born Precia Obra Badonna Hill on 5 October 1918 in the small town of Garden Grove, Decatur County, Iowa. She was the only daughter of John (Webb) Wilber Hill (1894 – 1945) and Rachael (Ruby) Isabelle Harvey (1887 – 1974). Sweetie has resided since June of 2011 at The Forum at Lincoln Heights, San Antonio, Texas, before that she had enjoyed retirement for 42 years with her late husband Bob in Melbourne, Florida. She remembers her childhood as idealic, but not without hardship, WWI had just ended and she grew up during the Depression. Her father, in addition to farming was the town barber and her mother owned and ran the town café. After graduation from high school, she convinced her parents that she should have a two week vacation with her Aunts, who lived in Denver, Colorado. Her Aunt Madge got her a job as a clerk with Mountain States Telephone. Later she met a tall handsome clerk named Robert (Bob) Chester Flanders. They married in Evergreen, Colorado on 9 December 1938 and took up residence in a log cabin. Sweetie's husband had always been fascinated with the military and airplanes and was an active member of the Colorado National Guard. When WWII was declared Bob was immediately commissioned and sent to California for flight training. From that time in 1942, until Bob's retirement as a Colonel in the USAF in 1969 Sweetie managed the household from Anchorage, Alaska to West Palm Beach, Florida, from Long Beach, California to Grand Forks, North Dakota and Guam Island. As an Air Force wife she

developed skills in entertaining, party planning and became a formidable Bridge player. Sweetie is survived by her son, Robert Bruce Flanders (Ramona) and daughter Donna Dee Kionka (Alan). She is survived by her Grandsons Robert Brian Flanders and Kevin Drew Flanders (Amy), her Granddaughters Kim Kristine Walker, Laura Ann Shelton (Garry) and Lisa Jeannette Dallmann (Deven). Her Great grandchildren are: Kirk Anthony Flanders, John Bud Walker, Hannah Dallmann and Jack Dallmann. She is survived by her loving niece Marcia Diane Herbst (Joseph). Sweetie was predeceased by her parents and her brother Wilber Aubrey (Webb) Hill, 15 May 1979. Sweetie lost her husband of 76 years, Robert Chester Flanders on 9 January 2015. Services for Sweetie Flanders are being arranged, with interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at a date to be announced. Thank yous are due to members of The Forum at Lincoln Heights, Heart to Heart Hospice and Family Tree in-Home Care.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to the family of Sweetie Precia Flanders. I know you have many cherished memories of her life to share, please don't hesitate as everyone is grieving with you and she can still bring joy to you and them. Proverbs 17:17 states: “ A true friend shows love at all times And is a brother who is born for times of distress.” also keep yourselves in prayer and take advantage of Gods willingness to comfort the downhearted. He will be with you at this difficult time.

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**Cynthia Puente** - May 27, 2020 at 11:17 AM